

CLEANING THE FILES!

Amazing things pop up when you go through boxes of “stuff” that you haven’t seen in ten or more years. I got the urge before Christmas to go through some boxes of magazines, newsletters, photocopies and miscellaneous garbage. I figured that if I hadn’t seen it in ten years, hadn’t used it in ten years, that I didn’t need it. But before I consigned it to the wood stove (hey, free heat), I knew that I had to go through it to scavenge anything that I really didn’t want to burn, and save for another ten years.

I was going through my correspondence with the late Dave Fronious. Dave passed away in 1982. In a letter from January 1980, Dave wrote, “Just finished speaking with you, as usual remembered what I wanted to tell you on the phone but couldn’t remember then. Those Polaris Taku Mining Co. Ltd. cardboard coupons that I showed you on my last trip (got from Al Love, Sr.) are definitely real Juneau stuff! I sent a set of the three denominations to Josef Smith and asked him to check into the company operating out of Juneau (as stated by Al). Joe stated in a letter that yes, the company had operated a gold mine in the Juneau area until the 1950s (was going to check for approximated opening - closing years).” We showed these chits in the Dec. 1986 issue of ATC&PN.

An interesting piece of trivia concerning the chits, but that is not what grabbed my attention. All three people involved in the above letter - Dave, Joe Smith and Al Love are all deceased. Joe passed away in 1990 and Al in 1991.

Another item in Dave’s file was a copy of a letter from 1976 that he wrote to Numismatic News Weekly nominating Fred Glatt for their Numismatic Ambassador Award. In addition to his service to the numismatic clubs in Anchorage, Dave notes, “Fred Glatt has the only complete collection of “Alaska Purchase Centennial” items, of which several hundred different items (i.e. medals, tokens, etc.) were produced. Fred is considered to be the leading authority, by many on the subject, and is in the process of compiling a reference book on the Alaska Purchase Centennial items in order to share his knowledge (through narrative text and numerous photographs) and collection with others.” Due to Dave’s efforts, Fred Glatt became the 3rd to receive the Numismatic Ambassador Award on May 12, 1976.

While speaking of Fred Glatt, I found photocopies of short articles that he wrote for the Totem Coin Club. These present information on Purchase Centennial items, and we will be using them as short fillers in the months to come.

I thumbed through many publications before deciding to throw them into the burn barrel (where we store burnables before they go into the wood stove). Old ATCOs, METCAs, CeeTee (Canadian Token), and may others. For your information, I don’t think I have burned many of the ATCOs or METCAs yet, so if you want any of these, they are yours for the cost of postage, and \$5 packaging fee per box, payable upon receipt. If interested, call us at 907-452-6461 or email the above address.

EDITORIAL

Once again, we start a new year, and this year, a new millenium. As usual, our January issue is a little late because of other pressing obligations at the store.

It was fun going through all of my junque. I had at least six boxes of clippings, photocopies and publications here at the store. I found some items of interest that will be appearing as space permits.

As of this issue, we have lost our Anchorage correspondent. Kurtis Hawk has accepted another job with the National Park Service. It will be hard for Kurtis to report on new Anchorage items from Fish Camp (I am not joking), California. We wish Kurtis all the best in his new job. Well, Kurtis, going to get a phone and an internet connection now???

Kenton update: Shortly after returning to Casa by the Sea from Parent Child seminar #1 in October, Kenton was dropped from level 5 to level 1 for a rule infraction that occurred about 8 months earlier. A real life lesson! He was "down" for a day or so, but snapped right out of it, and has made it back up to level 4. In retrospect, he lacked confidence at PC1 - to complete the program, to come home, in himself. This drop was just what he needed. He has come back very strong and confident and is more committed to graduating the program. But, he turns 18 this month, and anything can happen. One bad day, and he can choose to leave Casa. We are looking for a home pass in late February or early March, and PC 2 in April. As I have stated before, if you know of a teen in crisis, and their parents just don't know where to turn, have them call me at 907-452-6461 (w) or 907-479-3259 (h). This program is a lifesaver.

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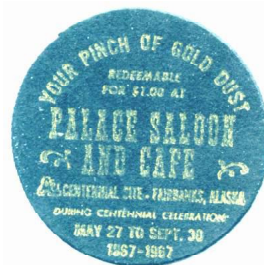
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PALACE SALOON GOLD DUST TOKEN



This saloon was located in Alaskaland in Fairbanks, Alaska and is still operating today.

These tokens were designed by Gladys Parker and Helen Bailey. They are a clear plastic token containing small gold nuggets. There are two varieties of these tokens - thick and thin. The two types of token were not intentional - they just came out that way. The number made of each type is unknown, with a total of 2,500 for both types. These tokens were given as change at the saloon, being good for one drink. The tokens were issued for advertisement and business purposes.

The gold used in these tokens came from the Parker Brothers gold mine, located near Livengood, Alaska. These tokens are no longer available at the saloon at this time. So, if you are a Centennial collector and see them -- grab them.

The information about these tokens was given to me by Helen Bailey, wife of the past President of Alaska National Bank in Fairbanks.

-Fred Glatt
date unknown

Editor's Note: The illustration above is a scan of the insert in these tokens. Thanks to the miracle of the modern computer, your editor was able to turn it into a readable image. Printed gold on black paper, and then inside a scratched plastic capsule, renders them very difficult to read. You will note that it is redeemable for \$1, from May 27 to Sept. 30, 1967. They contain 5 or 6 nice little gold flakes.

It is interesting to note that the gold is from the same source as the Carl Parker medal, item #14 in our listing of Alaska gold and platinum medals in the August/September, 2000 issue.

We have these tokens available for \$5 each, plus SASE or \$3 postage and insurance.

2001 STATE MEDALS 2000 PATTERN



The Alaska Mint has released the first of the Official State medals for 2001. This year's design features a mountain goat. The medal was designed by Alan Holt of Soldotna, Alaska.

Available at this time are:

1 oz. silver proof	\$30.00
1 oz. matte finish	\$17.00
1/20 oz. gold	\$55.00
1/10 oz. gold	\$85.00
1/2 oz. gold	\$250.00
1 oz. gold	\$395.00

Due in shortly are:

1/20 oz. silver	\$5.00
1/10 oz. silver	\$5.00
1/4 oz. silver	\$8.50
1/2 oz. silver	\$10.00
1 oz. silver gold relief	\$55.00

Orders will be accepted for any of the above, and shipped as one shipment when all ordered are available. Shipping and insurance is \$3 per order (please, only one shipping charge per order).

Prices now in effect for the Official State medals for 2000 are:

1/20 oz. silver	\$8.00
1/10 oz. silver	\$8.00
1/4 oz. silver	\$10.00
1/2 oz. silver	\$12.00
1 oz. matte finish	\$20.00
1 oz. proof	\$35.00
1 oz. silver gold relief	\$60.00
1/20 gold	\$75.00
1/10 gold	\$110.00

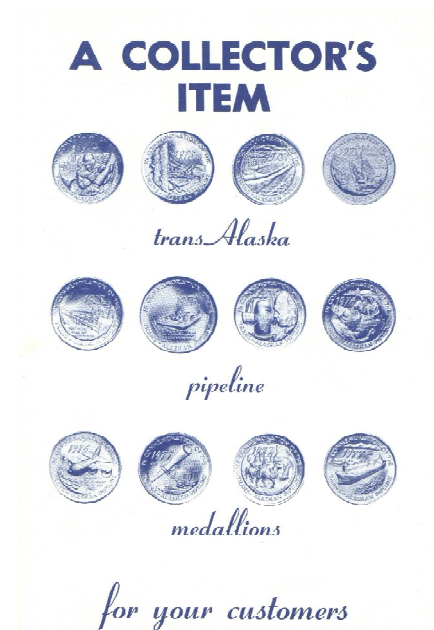
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Using the planchet for a 1/2 ounce silver medal, the Alaska Mint produced a pattern for the 1 ounce gold medal. The word pattern is stamped into the reverse of the medal.

Mike Robuck of the Alaska Mint donated it to the Anchorage Coin Club for a drawing. Loren Lucason, one of the editors of Accent (the Anchorage Coin Club newsletter) won the medal in the drawing held at a club meeting on November 1, 2000.

Doug Williams



Above is an original flier for the Pipeline medal sets made from 1974 to 1977. We have acquired a limited number of these sets and make them available to you as follows:

14 pieces, including the mule for medal #6 and matte and proof-like #8 ---	\$175.00
13 pieces, including the matte and P/L #8	\$135.00
Basic 12 piece set	\$120.00

\$3 shipping per order

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MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



ALASKA: 59th Signal Battalion, Ft. Wainwright, Ft. Greely and Ft. Richardson, Not just involved but totally committed. Brass, 39mm.



FORT RICHARDSON: First Battalion (ABN) 501st Parachute Infantry. Antique silver color with red and blue enamel on obverse. Diameter unrecorded.



ELMENDORF A.F.B.: Professional Military Education, Building superior enlisted leadership and supervision. Bronze, 39mm.



(EIELSON A.F.B.): 355th Ftr Sqdn. Bronze, 39mm



EIELSON A.F.B.: The Icemen, U.S. Air Force 50th Anniversary. Bronze, 39mm.



FORT WAINWRIGHT: 172d Infantry Brigade (Separate), America's Arctic Warriors, (Commanding Officer's coin). Brass with red, light blue and dark blue enamel. Diameter unrecorded.



ALASKA: 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, "Cold Steel." Bronze with light blue, dark blue, red, white and black enamel. Diameter unrecorded.



FORT WAINWRIGHT: 172d Infantry Brigade (Separate), America's Arctic Warriors, (Master Sergeant's coin). Brass with red, light blue and dark blue enamel. Diameter unrecorded.

FOR THE RECORD



ALASKA: The Salvation Army, Alaska Centennial Congress, March 26-30, 1998. Bronze, 49mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(ANCHORAGE): ASA (Alaska Sportsman Association). Yellow fiber (clay??), black on white center (celluloid?) (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: Chic's Club, 210 East, 1987. Three plastic drink tokens: Premium (gold on black), Well (fluorescent blue on white) and Beer (black on yellow), all 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



SKAGWAY: Three one ounce silver rounds for the Skagway Brewing Company: Alaska Grizzly Beer, Red Star Amber and Chilkoot Ale. Common reverse. 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: People Mover transportation token. Brass, 23mm. Two varieties with coin rotation and medal rotation (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

(ANCHORAGE): ASA (Alaska Sportsman Association). Gold on red fiber, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

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